

**Security Architecture Work Group
Of the
Nebraska Information Technology Commission**

Monday February 12, 2001
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Nebraska State Office Building,
Sixth Floor, Conference Room X
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, Nebraska

Minutes

A. Participants

Allan	Albers	HHSS/IS&T
Mike	Carpenter	Douglas County
Jason	Everett	ESU 10
Margo	Gamet	HHS
Jerry	Hielen	IMServices
Joe	Kellner	DOR
George	McMullin	Nebraska CERT
Mike	Overton	Crime Commission
Leona	Roach	University of Nebraska Computing Services Network
Steve	Schafer	Nebraska CIO

B. NITC Action on Security Policies

The Technical Panel passed a resolution recommending the security policies to the NITC. The resolution included a directive to re-examine the security policies after one year. The NITC adopted the security policies at their January 23 meeting.

C. Implementation Options

For discussion purposes, Steve Schafer distributed the following draft documents:

- Business case outline
- Security Forum Agenda (May 18, 2001)
- Content for a security web site
- Options for developing templates for security plans, programs and procedures

Discussion of the business case outline centered on the question of incident reporting. UNL has adopted a security incident reporting process, but access to the information is restricted. One use is to prepare administrative reports. The IRS has a well-documented security incident reporting process. An incident reporting process should be organized around the purposes being served. One purpose would be to help other agencies avoid or deal with a certain security threat. Another purpose is to heighten awareness of security issues.

Several members of the group responded to an earlier request for leads on liability issues. Steve Schafer will incorporate the information into a section on legal liability.

There were several suggestions regarding the proposed security forum on May 18. Everyone favored a morning session, rather than afternoon. The focus will be on management issues

rather than improving technical skills. HIPAA was added as a possible topic. Potential speakers include Terry Mahar (spelling?) who is an attorney from Omaha and FBI agents, such as those involved in the Infraguard program. There was interest in exploring the feasibility of using videoconference facilities to reach a larger audience.

The timing and format of a technically oriented security conference in the fall is still uncertain. The CERT security conference in Omaha will be August 6 to 10. With a state-level endorsement, this conference could serve the purpose of a security conference for technical staff of state agencies. George McMullin offered to include a session for state government in the conference.

Instead of its own security conference in the fall, State government could organize a series of quarterly security meetings on specific topics.

The concept of a web site on security issues seemed to have general acceptance. The web site at www.sans.org is a possible model. One idea is to provide links to relevant material for each of the security policies. A listing of accepted or accredited security products was also suggested.

The remainder of the discussion dealt with developing templates and procedures for security plans and programs. Jerry Hielen favored an initial focus on documenting procedures. By using a document specialist, this approach would build on internal activities and resources. IMServices is interested in joining forces with other agencies in developing a set of generic procedures that would be useful to other entities. There was general agreement that this approach had more merit in advancing the cause of better security than conducting a security review or audit.

D. Next Meeting

A meeting date was not set. Members of the workgroup from out of town have requested using video conferencing. Steve Schafer will look into different options and announce a meeting.

E. Handouts

Security Implementation Issues (2/9/2001)